

Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program (JAIBG) State Plan for the 2002 and 2003 Federal Awards

Background

The State of Iowa has received, for the fifth and sixth consecutive years, the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG) from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), in the amount of \$2,373,600 (Federal 2002), to develop programs that promote greater accountability in the juvenile justice system. The Federal 2002 JAIBG award is \$471,200 less than the previous year. The Federal 2003 JAIBG award is \$1,829,000, which is \$544,600 less than Federal 2002. The goals of the program are to reduce juvenile delinquency, improve the juvenile justice system, and increase accountability for juvenile offenders. The Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning (CJJP) is the state-designated agency to receive the federal funds. The established practice of allocating the funds to the local communities will continue.

- **Local Pass-Through of Funds:** JAIBG guidelines specify that a percentage of the funds will pass-through directly to units of local government (cities and counties). The State's financial burden for the administration of juvenile justice has been demonstrated as 76%, which enabled CJJP to receive from OJJDP a 24% pass-through to the qualifying cities and counties, for the Federal 2002 award. For Federal FY03, the State's updated financial burden for the administration of juvenile justice has been demonstrated as 78%, so CJJP is asking OJJDP for a 22% pass-through to the qualifying cities and counties, for the Federal 2003 award. The distribution to units of local government is based on a formula of the combination of law enforcement expenditures and the annual number of Uniform Crime Report part 1 violent crimes reported by each unit of local government for the most recent year for which data are available. Units of local government whose allocations are at least \$5,000 qualify for a direct allocation. The pass-through of the Federal 2002 award to the qualifying cities and counties will occur in State FY04.

State Plan:

The State portion of JAIBG will continue to be expended in a manner consistent with the Congressional intent of being responsive to the particular needs of local communities. The approach has been developed with input from the chief juvenile court officers, decategorization coordinators, Iowa League of Cities, and the Iowa State Association of Counties.

The specific plan for the Federal 2002 funds is to distribute the funds over two State fiscal years, combining with the Federal 2001 and Federal 2003 JAIBG awards. Since the inception of JAIBG, CJJP has managed these funds one year "behind" (i.e. Federal 2001 funds are actually distributed during State FY03). Due to the necessary planning, the initial year's funds were not allocated during the first year of the two-year project period. This means that CJJP is receiving a JAIBG award from OJJDP, while expending the previous year's award. It has been a challenge to assure that the funds are expended by the end of the two-year project period. By splitting the Federal 2002 JAIBG funds between two other JAIBG awards, two benefits will be realized:

- The allocation process and other projects will continue at a level that allows communities to maintain projects that impact juvenile justice. The below described use of funds will result in an increase of available funds for State FY03 and an anticipated increase for State FY04.
- Each respective year's JAIBG funds will be spent in a time frame closer to the beginning of the federal project period. Spending those dollars earlier could help lessen the potential of reverting the funds to OJJDP. OJJDP is also in the process of modifying the process to start

the project period sooner, which reduces the flexibility CJJP has with each year's JAIBG award.

Federal 2002 (STATE FY03)

Allocation to Local Planning Entities

Approximately \$1,000,000 will be added to the allocation to the Decategorization governance boards and to Ida County, for State FY03. The amount includes interest funds from Federal 2001 and Federal 2002 JAIBG awards. This combines with the Federal 2001 JAIBG funds. The additional funds will provide an estimated total of \$2,510,000, approximately 25% increase in JAIBG funds. The local decats and Ida County will amend their plans to CJJP for approval and for authorization of the increased allocations. The increased allocations to the decats will be based on the formula of child population ages 5-17, and must be expended in one or more of the 12 program purpose areas. Decats have the option to combine funds by forming a regional coalition with a qualifying unit of local government or another decat.

Federal 2002 and 2003 (STATE FY04)

Allocation to Local Planning Entities

Up to \$1,000,000 of the Federal 2002 funds will be combined with the Federal 2003 JAIBG award for the allocation to the Decategorization governance boards and to Ida County. The amount includes an estimated \$100,000 generated through the interest-bearing trust fund, from Federal 2002 and Federal 2003. In addition, any recaptured funds from Decategorization governance boards and Ida County will be added to the allocation. The total JAIBG allocation to the decats for the 2004 project period (October 1, 2003 – September 30, 2004) is estimated to be \$2,400,000.

NOTE: The funds generated through the interest-bearing trust fund are estimates.